



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 25, 2004

COMMISSION CONCERNS REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF QUALIFYING EAST DOWNTOWN FRAME HISTORIC PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA NO. 4 and NO. 5 TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

BACKGROUND

The Historic Landmarks Commission considered the addition of qualifying properties located in Geographic Area No. 4 and No. 5 to the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) at the December, 2003 Historic Landmarks Commission Hearing.

At that Hearing, Commissioner Leong noted several properties that appeared to qualify for the Inventory which were not evaluated, including the properties located at 657 South Tenth Street, 665 South Tenth Street, 480 Reed Street, and 711 South Eleventh Street. These properties appear to belong to the period of significance and possess varying levels of integrity, however, they were not evaluated in the survey. While Planning staff would like to research and evaluate these properties in order to add them to the HRI, we do not have the resources at this time to complete the additional DPR forms required to determine whether they qualify.

Commissioner Youmans noted that the descriptions in Section P3 of the Primary Record for the two properties located at 687 South Tenth Street and 471 Margaret Street did not match the photograph of the properties included in Section P5a. At the December 2003 Historic Landmarks Commission meeting, the Commission voted not to add these properties to the Inventory due to questions about the descriptions. Planning Staff visited the site and verified that while the photographs are correct, the descriptions are not. In order to add these properties to the Inventory, the descriptions would need to be corrected, and the property owners would need to be noticed again regarding the Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff is recommending that the Historic Landmarks Commission place the consideration and addition of the qualifying East Downtown Frame Survey historic properties located at 471 Margaret Street and 687 South Tenth Street to the City of San Jose Historic Resources Inventory on the next Historic Landmarks Commission Agenda.

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